

Prof hopes to end fraud at Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — University of Tennessee professor Linda Bense-Meyers petitioned the Faculty Senate on Monday to take a bigger part in investigating and monitoring academic fraud in the athletics department.

The faculty group sent the matter to committees.

Bense-Meyers came forward in Fall 1999 with allegations that, among other things, tutors wrote papers for athletes — particularly football players — and that athletes were steered toward easy classes and had low grades raised after they completed courses.

The university and the NCAA have so far found no wrongdoing, but their investigations are ongoing.

The Faculty Senate's athletics committee also looked into the matter, but in November, the body decided to turn over its investigation to a three-person committee under the authority of the university provost.

Bense-Meyers asked that the Senate reconsider its move.

"As faculty at the University of Tennessee, we are charged with defending the educational mission of the institution, not with protecting the business of college athletics, a business that depends foremost on recruiting the best athletes who would not be admitted as qualified for college work if they were not athletes," she told the Senate.

Bense-Meyers, who has become a target for criticism inside and outside the university, has gained the support of the Drake Group, also known as the National Alliance of Faculty for College Athletics Reform. Several members from other schools attended the meeting.

She believes athletes, particu-

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larly men, are unfairly treated by not receiving a quality education and being exploited for their athletic skill.

"These are the athletes whose labor on the field of play ensures the economic success of our athletics programs," she said. "They are also the athletes who receive little in return, other than the off-chance they will win the jackpot with a chance in the pros."

tion today, including seniors Shuon Madden, Dumitru Caradima and Cody Hubbell and junior Jarin Skube, all of whom were named to the preseason All-Big 12 team.

Madden, a four-time All-American, will play despite a hip flexor injury and a burst blister on the bottom of his foot.

The Aggies and Longhorns have dominated recent Big 12 competition, splitting the last four conference championships. The Longhorns claimed first in 1997 and 1999, while the Aggies won in 1998 and 2000.

Watkins said. "He's a bigger body in there, and that's something we've missed. It might not show in the stats because he's not a shot blocker, but he did bother some Oklahoma players' shots."

Classic Melvin Watkins

In memory of the passing of former Marquette coach Al McGuire last week, ESPN Classic had a tribute to McGuire that included replays of Marquette games.

One of those games was the 1977 National Semifinal between Marquette and North Carolina-Charlotte.

One of the players on the UNC-C squad was a young Melvin Watkins. Watkins was a star guard on the 49ers team and sported some rather long sideburns.

"You don't know how many phone calls I got about that," Watkins said. "One of the parents called one of the players, and they happened to see it, and that was the worst thing that could have happened. They had quite a few laughs and pointed out a few things about my game, I must say."

Doug Fuentes is a senior journalism major.

Sports in Brief — Softball hosts Sam Houston St.

The Texas A&M softball team will continue its first week of play today when it hosts the Sam Houston State Bearkats at the Aggie Softball Complex.

The Aggies (1-1) split a doubleheader against the University of Texas-San Antonio on Saturday to open their 2001 campaign.

A&M owns a 19-game winning streak against SHSU (0-0), dating all the way back to 1995. The Aggies lead the all-time series, 66-12. First pitch is set for 6 p.m.

Reynolds drafted by CyberRays

Former Texas A&M soccer player Amber Reynolds was selected in the second round of the Women's United Soccer Association college draft by the Bay Area CyberRays.



REYNOLDS

Reynolds was a defender for the Aggies and was a leader on a defense that allowed only 1.22 goals per game in 2000.

"Amber has the ability to play different positions on the field," said A&M soccer coach G. Guerrieri. "With her athletic ability and great work ethic, she will be a great addition to the CyberRays' roster."

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high winds and overcast skies, something that Cass said will not be a factor today.

"Indoor matches are much quicker because you don't have to worry about wind or sunlight," Cass said. "We should be able to play more aggressively than we do outdoors, which will be important."

Eight of the 10 players on A&M's roster could see ac-

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Butterfrans also responded well, hitting all three of his shot attempts or six points and grabbing two rebounds in 19 minutes of work.

Butterfrans has received more minutes in conference play and has made the most of it.

He is averaging 14.2 minutes, 9 points and 2.3 rebounds per game in Big 12 play.

That's up from 8.7 minutes, 2.2 points and 1.4 rebounds per game in non-conference play.

"Nolan has been coming on,"

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